

## REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 15-57 were pending prior to this amendment. Claims 13 and 15-47 have been allowed. Claim 54 has been indicated as having allowable subject matter. Claims 1-12, 48-53 and 55-57 have been rejected. Claims 1-3, 10-12, 24, 34, 35, 36, 37, 49 and 51-55 have been amended. Claims 48, 50, 56 and 57 have been cancelled. Applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

### *Allowed Claims*

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 13 and 15-47. Corrections to typographical errors have been made in some of the allowed claims.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

Claim 54 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, however, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 54 has been rewritten into independent form.

### *Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103*

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 50 and 56 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,775,267 (Kung, et al.), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,735,175 (Havens).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 24. Thus, claim 1 should be allowed. Claims 2 and 4-9 are dependent and should also be allowed.

Claims 10-12 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 24. Thus, claims 10-12 should be allowed.

Claims 50 and 56 have been cancelled.

Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kung, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,282,192 (Murphy).

Claim 3 is dependent on claim 1 and should be allowed.

Claims 48 and 57 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kung, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,259,969 (Naudus) and U.S. Patent No. 5,844,918 (Kato).

Claims 48 and 57 have been cancelled.

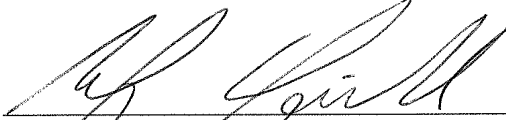
Claims 49, 51-53 and 55 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kung in view of Kato.

Claims 49, 51-53 and 55 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 36. Thus, claims 49, 51-53 and 55 should be allowed.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims of the application is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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